

Sock drive benefits homeless in Bucks



Jackie Stutz, assistant vice president and branch manager, Investors Bank, Three Bridges N.J., presents the donation check to Michael Skoczek, CEA's president and CEO.

Did you know there are about 300 homeless people in Bucks County? Or that there are 80 of them struggling between Doylestown and New Hope?

Homelessness is a complex issue and several area groups, including Code Blue, work to alleviate the situation. Now, here is a simple way everyone can help.

Homeless people don't have frequent access to laundry facilities. So when their socks get wet, they risk getting trench foot, or even frostbite. They need dry socks to stay healthy.

Last year, the parish of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, New Hope, collected well over 500 pairs of socks to distribute.

This year, the Bucks County Herald has teamed up with St. Philip's to appeal to the whole community to donate socks for the area's homeless people.

All donations of new socks for men and socks, stockings, leg-



gings and panty hose for women are welcome. Some children's socks are also welcome, but primarily those for adults.

Show you care about your community. Help give Christmas Stockings a new meaning: when you are out shopping for the hol-

The Sock Squad includes, back row, Bridget Wingert, editor of the Bucks County Herald, and the Rev. Michael Ruk, pastor at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, New Hope, with, from left, Devin and Arya Heble, Jane Atkinson, Georgie Fowler, Thomas Marschall and Josie Fowler.

iday, buy some socks for the homeless in the local community.

Place them into the big blue tub on the porch of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 10 Chapel Road, New Hope (the historic one-room schoolhouse at the corner of River Road and Chapel Road). Be a part of The Great Sock Drive of 2016.

St. Philip's parishioners will help distribute the socks to Code Blue, Bucks County Opportunity Council, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Frankford.

CEA receives grant for update, expansion

The Center for Educational Advancement (CEA) in Flemington, N.J., recently received a \$1,500 grant from the Investors Foundation to help update and expand mobile Vocational Assessment capabilities.

Demand for community integrated employment assistance through CEA Vocational Assessment and Supported Employment services has been steadily growing. CEA program and support staff are traveling closer to the job-seekers in the community to facilitate career pathways and community employment for people with disabilities.

Since 1970 CEA Employment Services has been working with the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, successfully assessing workplace readiness skills and assisting individuals with disabilities to find their personal path to community employment.

This Investors Foundation grant will help CEA Vocational Assessment staff, job coaches and career counselors work more efficiently "in the field," providing mobile assessment and allowing CEA to reach a greater number of program participants.

Pajama drive benefits children

Circa Classics Distinctive Consignments and Plumstead Township is partnering to collect new pajamas, books, slippers and hygiene products to benefit children who are being assisted in some way by the Bucks County Children and Youth Agency.

Now in its fifth year, the drive collected more than 400 pairs of pajamas last year, including books, slippers and robes. Hygiene products such as soaps, shampoos, conditioners, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair products, brushes, combs, floss, mouthwash – just about anything having to do with a bedtime routine – have recently been added to the collection drive. The only requirement is that all items must be new with a tag/unopened.

For every donation, Circa Classics is giving a 10 percent discount voucher to be used any time in the shop.

The collection ends Dec. 15. Drop off items at Circa Classics, 5870 Easton Road, Plumsteadville (dropoff box is on the front porch), or Plumstead Township office building, 5186 Stump Road, Plumsteadville (dropoff box is in the lobby).

For information, call 267-362-5154.

Movie explores "Connected Universe"

Circle of Miracles hosts dinner and a movie, "The Connected Universe" 5 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

Released in November, the film, by Nassim Haremein, serves to inspire and connect viewers to their potential, the potential of who they are and of who they can become.

Haremein, director of Research at the Resonance Foundation, was inspired by Einstein and continued to pursue Einstein's idea that geometry held the key to creating a unified equation for the universe.

The film shows a bold new prediction Haremein makes about the proton. It discusses the confirmed experimental results and their implications.

The Rev. Annabella Wood studies with Nassim Haremein and she will be present to lead the discussion and answer questions after the film.

On the menu is homemade soups, salad and dessert and the cost is \$20 per person. Reservations are required as there is limited seating.

Call or email Glenda at 267-218-4254 or Glenda@CircleofMiracles.org.

Circle of Miracles is an interfaith church located at 10 Beulah Road, New Britain, with parking and entrance on the lower level.

Festival of Trees at Pearl Buck home features decor with a message

Some of Bucks County's best artists, decorators and community groups have come together once again to design lush, imaginative and meaningful holiday décor throughout the National Historic Landmark home of Pearl S. Buck, open for guided tours daily through the end of the year.

Room after room of the stone farmhouse at 520 Dublin Road, Perkasie, will overflow with interior designs for the holidays, including decorated trees and

vignettes, during the 38th annual Festival of Trees.

Since Buck was a social activist, caring deeply about many issues, the event carries her activism forward by inviting local organizations to create décor with a message.

In the office of Buck's publisher and husband, Richard Walsh, Cherry Mint Design has interpreted the story of Buck's award-winning novel, "The Good Earth."

The focal point is a Christmas tree, decorated to detail the phases of the main characters' lives, utilizing items from the story as ornaments.

In total, 29 artists, organizations and community groups have decorated the author's home.

Following the tour, guests may cast a vote for their favorite decorator until Dec. 7. The winner will be announced at the Community Open House Event, from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 9.

Call to reserve a tour or just

drop in; check in at the International Gift Shop.

Fees are charged for the tour, however, members receive a complimentary tour with their membership card. Visitors who wish to do so can sign up for membership when they arrive.

Other tours – available by reservation only – include the Décor Tours and Candlelight Tours. Call 215-249-0100, x110.

Visit PearlSBuck.org/Festival for information.

A&T Chevrolet is Driving Away the Cold



Kristin DeFulgentis, Penridge FISH special events chair, and Jeff Allen, A&T Chevrolet president.

A&T Chevrolet is again partnering with the Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation to help via the Driving Away the Cold program.

This year, A&T Chevrolet built on its 2015 donation of 90 coats to provide 126 brand new children's coats to Perkasio-based Penridge FISH, an agency providing food, clothing, medical and financial assistance to members of the Penridge community in Bucks County.

Started in 2008 by the Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation, Driving Away the Cold is a philanthropic initiative with the mission to provide new winter coats to underprivileged children living in the five-county region of Philadelphia.

Christmas music will play continuously inside the church sanctuary, 4 S. Main St., Richlandtown, from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. Come, sit, rest and experience the beautiful Christmas decorations and music.

Outside will be a fire, along with hot chocolate and cookies. Enjoy the cool crisp evening with a warm fire and tasty snack.

Stay for a little while or the whole time.

For information, call 215-257-4626, email fumperkasie@verizon.net or visit fumperkasie.com.

This year, 177 local auto dealers and the Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation are donating more than 42,000 brand-new coats. Since the program's inception, the foundation has warmed both the bodies and souls of over 265,252 area children in need.

To learn more, visit caringforkids.com.



Blooming Glen Mennonite holds lessons, carols service

Blooming Glen Mennonite Church presents "A Service of Lessons and Carols" with the Adult and Junior choirs at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 18, at the church, 713 Blooming Glen Road, Blooming Glen (for GPS, use Perkasie).

A free-will offering will be received, and refreshments will follow the program. For information, call 215-257-3431 or visit bgmc.net.

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p.m.; walk through the community, share Christmas carols and be in fellowship in the spirit of the season.

St. John's Lutheran offers Christmas Sanctuary Evening

Those who need a peaceful break in the midst of the madness

First UMC Perkasie sets Music Sunday

First United Methodist Church, 501 Market St., Perkasie, holds Music Sunday worship at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18.

St. Stephen's UCC hosts Christmas pageant, caroling

St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, 110 N. 6th St., Perkasie, invites the community to see the Christmas story told in a not-so-traditional way.

The church's "Not So Perfect Christmas Pageant" will be shared during worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18.

Also on Sunday, Dec. 18, join in for Christmas caroling at 6:30

Friends host holiday programs

Solebury Meeting hosts its Mitten Tree Program and Holiday Luncheon following worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18.

Harpist Leslie Stickle will play at Middletown Meetinghouse, 453 W. Maple Ave., Langhorne, when Friends gather for traditional Christmas worship at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18.

Wrightstown Meetinghouse hosts a Candle Light Carol Sing at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18.

Worship Directory

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All Are Welcome!

Explore Quaker Worship this Christmas Season

Dec. 9, 7pm:
Candle Light Carol Sing at Buckingham Meetinghouse

Dec. 18, 11am:
Harpist During Worship at Middletown Meetinghouse

Dec. 18, 7pm:
Candle Light Sing at Wrightstown Meetinghouse

Dec. 20, 7:50pm:
Candle Light Christmas Program at Southampton Meetinghouse

Dec. 24, 4:30pm:
Christmas Program & Worship at Lehigh Valley Meetinghouse

Dec. 24, 5:30pm:
Caroling and Worship at Doylestown Meetinghouse

Dec. 24, 7pm:
Candle Light Worship at Middletown Meetinghouse

Dec. 24, 7pm:
Candle Light Worship at Newtown Meetinghouse
-Food and Fellowship to Follow

Dec. 24, 7:50pm:
Candle Light Carol Sing at Plumstead Meetinghouse
-Bringing a Flashlight

Dec. 24, 7pm:
Candle Light Worship at Yardley Meetinghouse

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